SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : This is not a matter between NCT of Delhi and the Supreme Court. This is a matter about which the entire country is concerned and the House is concerned

SHRI RAJESH PILOT (Dausa) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I have given a notice about the statement of the US Ambassador in Pakistan.

SHRI SOMNATH CHATTERJEE : Sir, I request that a proper discussion be held on this so that the views of Parliament may also be made known. About 30,000 workers are going to be retrenched. They are treated as a dispensable commodity. Mere compensation cannot be the adequate remedy when alternative is not available in this country. This is a matter which should be treated in a much more serious manner.

I request you to kindly direct the Government to have a discussion on this. We must come out with a concrete plan of action

MR. SPEAKER : We will place this matter before the Business Advisory Committee and we will try to find time to discuss it in the House.

[Translation]

SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ (South Delhi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir you should get a discussion held on it in this House. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL (Chandni Chowk-Delhi) : You please order an inquiry into it. *(Interruptions)*

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Aggarwal, why are you still continuing when I have said that we will have a discussion on it?

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

12.11 hrs.

MOTION RE : SEVENTH REPORT OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[English]

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : I beg to move :

> "That this House do agree with the Seventh Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 27th November, 1996"

* Not Recorded

MR. SPEAKER : The question is :

> "That this House do agree with the Seventh Report of the Business Advisory Committee presented to the House on the 27th November, 1996"

The motion was adopted

[English]

MR. SPEAKER : I have one observation to make.

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Let me have my say. You have no patience at all

Normally, as you know, whenever there is a Calling Attention, Zero Hour is not there. Since I promised yesteday in the House that we will have Zero Hour today, we are having the Zero Hour as an exception. It should not be quoted as a precedent

Secondly, I would like to reiterate my earlier announcement, that is, a Member can raise a matter in Zero Hour only once a week. Please remember it

(Interruptions)

MR. SPEAKER : Everybody will get a chance. I will call one-by-one.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I am on a very serious issue concerning women.

MR. SPEAKER : Is there any occasion when Members raise non-serious issues?

SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Sir, thousands of women students com[illegible]g from all parts of India are studying in several Nursing Colleges and Schools in Bihar.

12.13 hrs.

(Mr. Deputy-Speaker *in the Chair*)

Many students from my State are also studying there. There is a very tragic situation prevailing there for the past seven years, final year examinations have not been conducted there. It appears that there was some hitch between the Indian Nursing Council and some of the officials of the State Government regarding the appointment of the Registrar. That was the issue on which it started. Thereupon there were some cases and ultimately examinations were stopped. Consequent to this, the students are suffering. Since examinations have not been conducted for the past seven years, no pass certificates have been issued to the students. As a result of this, thousands of women who have studied there are denied the opportunity of working in hospitals. Another problem is, the Nursing Council says that examinations are to be conducted by the Government, and the Government says that the Nursing Council should not interfere in certain aspects. This controversy should be gone into. Thousands of women students are